

# notes

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## RAPID big hit with transit riders

Just about a year after the start of RAPID, the Valley's first transit service designed to attract freeway commuters, residents from throughout the metropolitan area have embraced the Phoenix Public Transit Department's service.

According to a passenger survey, 57 percent of those who catch the RAPID live in Phoenix, while 11 percent come from Glendale, 8 percent from Chandler, 4 percent from Avondale, 3 percent each from Peoria and Scottsdale, 2 percent from Goodyear and 1 percent each from Litchfield Park, Surprise and Cave Creek.

Others come from as far away as Black Canyon City, New River, Florence and Casa Grande.

The survey also found that 82 percent of the riders use the RAPID four to five days a week and about 33 percent had never ridden a Valley Metro bus previously. Nearly 50 percent of the respondents said saving



money was their main reason for choosing RAPID, while 39 percent cited stress reduction.

The surveys were voluntarily filled out by 977 passengers from all four RAPID routes – I-10 East from Ahwatukee, SR-51 from northeast Phoenix, I-17 from northwest Phoenix, and I-10 West from west Phoenix.

The service draws more than 13,500 passengers each week.

## Auction to help advocacy center

This year's annual CHAIRity event to raise funds for the city's Family Advocacy Center again will feature a collection of unique chairs created by Arizona State University interior design students.

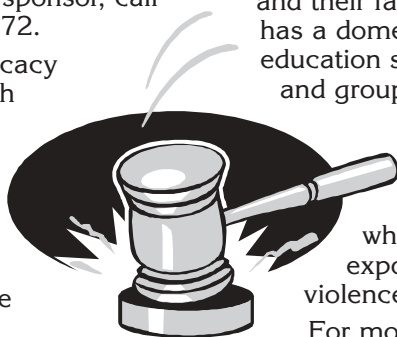
The chairs will be on display and sold through a silent auction at the "Sit a Moment, Stop the Violence" event 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St.

To purchase a ticket or be a corporate sponsor, call 602-534-3072.

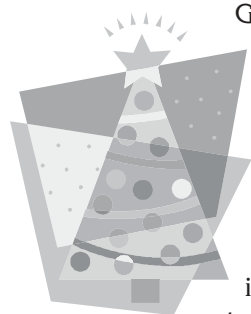
The advocacy center, which observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month this month, provides free short-term counseling, long-term case management and other services to domestic violence

and sexual abuse victims and their families. It also has a domestic violence education support group and groups for Spanish-speaking participants, the elderly and children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

For more information on these and other services, call 602-534-2120.



## Candyland Concert kicks off holiday activities



Get an early start on the holidays by attending the annual Candyland Concert from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at Heritage & Science Park, 115 N. Sixth St.

The free event will include special entertainment for children, hands-on activities, food and craft booths, the lighting of a 56-foot holiday tree and a fireworks display.

And, of course, Santa will be there, too.

The concert kicks off another fun-filled lineup of family holiday events planned by the special events section of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Be sure to check out the November issue of Notes for a full list of holiday activities in December.

Call 602-262-4627 for more information about the concert or other holiday activities or 602-534-FEST (3378) for recorded messages about upcoming events. Also, visit [phoenix.gov/parks/fiesta.html](http://phoenix.gov/parks/fiesta.html).

## Park rangers offer guided outdoor programs

Park rangers with the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department are offering a series of guided outdoor programs through January in the city's desert and mountain preserves.

While many of the programs are perfect for those needing an introduction to the city's preserves, they also will offer regular users new insights into the system's geology and history.

In addition to guided hikes, the program includes mountain bike rides, orienteering and other outdoor education classes, and a series of nighttime adventures.

Parks and Recreation also is proud to be part of the Smithsonian Magazine's CultureFest in November and Smithsonian Scholars will lead special programs at Papago and South Mountain parks.

All programs are either free or low cost and are open to everyone.

A full schedule and registration information is available online at [phoenix.gov/PARKS/hikes.html](http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/hikes.html) or by calling 602-495-0222.



*The city is spreading the word about the importance of recycling with billboard-type signs on the sides of Public Works Department trucks that deliver recycle barrels to the homes of city residents. For questions about recycling, call 602-262-7251 or visit [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).*

## City hosts certification workshops

Minority, women and small business owners in Maricopa County are invited to free monthly workshops where they can learn about the city's business certification programs.

The Equal Opportunity Department workshops provide information about the requirements, process and benefits of becoming certified with the city as a minority, woman-owned or small business enterprise.

Seating is limited. Call 602-262-6790 or 602-534-1557/TTY to reserve a space.

The upcoming workshops are: 9:30 -11:30 a.m., Nov. 16, Paradise Valley Community Center, 17402 N. 40th St.; 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Dec. 11, South Mountain Community College, 7050 S. 24th St.; 6 - 8 p.m., Dec. 21, Student Services Center, B208, Paradise Valley Community College, 18401 N. 32nd St.; 9:30 -11:30 a.m., Jan. 11, Washington Adult Center, 2240 W. Citrus Way; and 6 - 8 p.m., Feb. 8, Desert West Community Center, 6502 W. Virginia Ave.

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## PHX 11 features city affairs

Want to keep up with what's going on in your city?

An easy way to do so is to tune to PHX 11, the city's television channel that can be found on Cox and Qwest cable outlets.

City Council weekly policy sessions are broadcast live at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and repeated at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. Sundays.

Among other programs that will keep you on top of current city topics are "On the Issues" featuring council members and guests, "Opening Doors" with the mayor and guests and "Leading Edge" with other city officials and employees.

Programming for PHX 11 is listed in the daily newspaper's television guide under PHX.

For more information, call 602-261-8937 or visit [phoenix.gov/11](http://phoenix.gov/11).



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## New shops and restaurants coming to Terminal 4



Passengers soon will see major changes inside the busiest terminal at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

More than two dozen shops and a wider variety of restaurants are being added as part of a redevelopment project in Terminal 4. The look of the terminal also will change to reflect Arizona's natural beauty and diversity.

The \$26 million project is the first major remodeling of the 14-year-old terminal, which handles 77 percent of Sky Harbor's traffic.

Construction began with the installation of temporary walls on the north side of the lobby. The walls will become a common sight on the third level during the three-year renovation process.

Because of the reduced floor space on the third level, people picking up passengers at Terminal 4 are urged to meet their parties in the baggage claim area on level one.

The construction, which will take place in several phases to minimize the impact on travelers, is expected to be completed in 2007. The first new shops, however, will open in the spring of 2005.

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## Home alone: safety tips for latchkey kids

The city's latchkey kids – those youngsters who are home alone after school – need some special attention.

Statistics show that unsupervised children are at greater risk of being involved in accidents and being harmed by strangers, siblings or friends.

Here are some tips from the Police Department to help keep your kids safe at home:

- Safety check the residence for possible risks, including obvious dangers such as firearms, alcohol and kitchen appliances that use natural gas.
- Make sure the children know how to get out of the house in case of a fire or other emergency.
- Put together a first aid kit with the children and explain what to do in the event of an injury.
- Practice what to say if 911 is called. In stressful situations children may not know what to say.
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Keep a list of important phone numbers near the telephone.
- Teach the children how to take telephone messages and instruct them to never tell a caller that they are alone.
- Have the children help make rules about having friends over or going to a friend's house. Children are more likely to follow rules they help make.
- If there is a swimming pool at the home, be sure the children know there is no playing in the back yard and no swimming.

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## Bazaar offers early holiday shopping

You can get in some early holiday shopping at the 2004 Senior Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Heritage and Science Park, 115 N. Sixth St.

It will include handcrafted items and international cuisine made by seniors from the city's 17 senior centers and other Valley senior services agencies. Proceeds will benefit the senior centers.

For more information, call 602-262-7379.

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# Surplus goods auction Nov. 20

Surplus materials ranging from furniture to cars will be sold by the city at an auction Saturday, Nov. 20.



Gates to the city auction yard, 2820 S. 22nd Ave., south of Lower Buckeye Road, will open at 7:30 a.m. and the sale will begin at 9 a.m. The cashier will remain open until 2:30 p.m. and the gates will close at 3 p.m.

Inspection of the items that will be auctioned will be allowed at the yard from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and Friday, Nov. 19.

For more information, call 602-534-0828.

# Arts groups get boost from city

The city's Office of Arts and Culture has awarded 105 grants totaling \$989,089 to 82 cultural organizations and schools for their Phoenix-based arts programs and activities.

The grants, which are matched at least dollar-for-dollar by the recipients, support programs and activities that serve more than 1.5 million residents annually, including artist residencies, workshops, performances, exhibits and festivals.

For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/ARTS](http://phoenix.gov/ARTS) or call 602-262-4637.

# City plans BOPA collections

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and other items at BOPA collections 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 – 20 at Perry Park, 2700 N. 32nd St., and Dec. 9 – 11 at Deer Valley Park, 19602 N. 19th Ave.



In addition to batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze, the event will accept five road tires per resident, computers and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, washers, dryers and water heaters. Commercial loads will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances and computers at your home for a \$10 fee. Call for a collection appointment. For information, call 602-262-7251, send e-mail to [pwserve@phoenix.gov](mailto:pwserve@phoenix.gov) or visit [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).

# Sunday at Shemer Nov. 7



Be sure to keep Sunday, Nov. 7, open on your calendar.

That's the day the Shemer Art Center and Museum, 5005 E.

Camelback Road, will host its biggest event of the year, the Sunday at Shemer art festival.

The event, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will feature the original artwork, handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, photographs, and metal and wire sculptures of more than 40 Valley artists, children's art activities, art demonstrations, food and entertainment.

There also will be a silent auction throughout the day and a live auction at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$5. Children under 12 are free. For more information, call 602-262-4727.

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